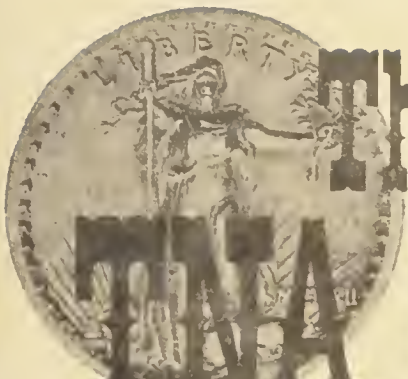




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MESSAGE



The TNA News is running short of articles for publication, and to keep the News the type of publication to be proud of, we need your help. You may think the knowledge you have of numismatics, is not worthy of publishing; but your knowledge may be just what it takes to start someone in a different direction in collecting. Give it a try, TNA News needs your help.



A reminder that next month the TNA convention will get underway in Amarillo - April 16, 17, 18. Lloyd Colvin, general chairman, promises the best ever. The way the Amarillo folks work I don't doubt it one min-

ute. I hope each of you will be in attendance. The fellowship with fellow collectors will be very rewarding.



Our editor and secretary have an old problem that only you can solve. When directing correspondence to TNA, please be sure it goes to the right place. All dues go to the secretary, Mrs. Folda. All club news and articles for publication in the TNA News, goes to the editor, Mrs. Gilmore. Your help in solving this age-old problem not only saves postage but will lighten the load of Mrs. Folda and Mrs. Gilmore, and I know they will greatly appreciate it.



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AMARILLO BOUND!

APRIL 16, 17, 18

Amarillo - heli-um capitol of the world - located in the heart of the Texas Panhandle, will be the site for the 13th convention of Texas Numismatic Association on April 16, 17, 18. The annual event, hosted by Amarillo Coin



Lloyd Colvin
General Chairman

Club will be headquartered at the Civic Center with special activities taking place at Coronado Inn, across the street from the Center.

Lloyd Colvin, general chairman, has planned many entertaining features for the TNA officials and convention visitors.

The opening activity will be a hospitality hour, Thursday, April 15, 7:30 p.m., complimenting TNA officials, at Coronado Inn. Colvin urges all to attend.

On Friday night, April 16, the educational forum will take place. Speakers will include Jake Surek of Oklahoma City and R. E. (Bob) Medlar of Lubbock. Surek will speak on United States currency and Medlar will discuss Texas Notes and Documents.

At 8 a.m. Saturday the annual breakfast honoring all TNA district governors and club representatives will be held at the Inn with Lyman Barteo, second vice president, in charge. The VIP (Very Important People) award will be presented the winner of the contest which began after the 1970 Houston convention. This award was established in 1966

with Lloyd Buss, Port Arthur as the first winner. (Please refer to February issue of TNA News for contest point system.) Other winners of the VIP award include M. H. Lowenstein, Amarillo, 1967; Tom Bain, Dallas, 1968; Troy Coan, San Antonio, 1969; and Fred Clark, San Angelo, 1970. TNA member clubs should appoint a representative to attend this important meeting. Notify Mrs. Folda, TNA secretary, who the representative will be.

To round out Saturday activities, a special tour to Palo Duro Canyon State Park has been planned for 1 p.m. and at 8 p.m., visitors will be entertained 5 P.M. with a one-hour performance by the nationally known Kwahadi Indians.

Climaxing official events will be the Sunday morning awards' breakfast and installation of new officers followed by a TNA open membership meeting. Exhibit winners will be announced and special TNA recognition awards will be made. The Lewis Reagan Memorial award will be given to a TNA member, who in the opinion of a selection committee has contributed the most to Texas numismatics during the year 1970. Recipients have been:

- 1962 - Doris Martin, Houston
- 1963 - Hazel Jenkins, Ft. Worth
- 1964 - Miriam Gilmore, Weslaco
- 1965 - Mabel Casey Honten, San Angelo
- 1966 - Ellis Brooks, San Angelo
- 1967 - Ruby Threlkeld,
La Marque
- 1968 - Gladys Robbins, Corpus Christi

1969 - Augusta Folda, Tyler, & Lyman Bartee, Austin

1970 - Joe B. Davis, Corpus Christi

Also to be presented will be the Tidwell Literary Award, honoring the late K. K. Tidwell, for the best article written especially for TNA News and selected by a committee. Past winners have been:

1964 - Frank O'Sullivan, San Antonio

1965 - Hersh Schwartz, Shulenberg

1966 - V. J. Van Cleave, Richardson

1967 - Benny Nibert, Edinburg

1968 - Chris Johns, Houston

1969 - Bob Medlar, Lubbock

1970 - C. H. Roberts, Corpus Christi

Ernest Cummings, exhibit chairman, has announced two special awards will be given in addition to competitive exhibit presentations. The Harvey Bruns award will be offered again for the best exhibit of Mexican coins, excluding medals, tokens and paper money. This award was first introduced in 1966 when Helen Floerke of Taft was the winner. Others have been:

1967 - Charles Miller, Waco

1968 - Billy Tiller, Mission

1969 - George Houston, Ft. Worth

1970 - Mae Kennedy, Austin

A new honor, the Frank O'Sullivan award, given in 1970 for the first time, was won by Wilson Baker of Ft. Worth for the best exhibit of ancient coinage. Exhibitors will vie for this award at Amarillo.

Cummings advises that those of you who missed the 1968 convention in San Antonio when the Bureau of Engraving & Printing, Wash. D. C., "set up shop" and actually printed money - will have the opportunity to see this operation in the exhibit room. This exhibit will be transported to

Amarillo by special arrangement with the U. S. government.

Ray Manville, Eastern U.S. representative of the Franklin Mint, Yeadon, Pa., will be in attendance at the convention with a display of medals issued by the private mint. Manville will also be in charge of a special movie for showing during the three-day convention.

The fabulous 1913 Liberty Head nickel will be an added attraction to the viewing audience in the exhibit room. The famous 5c piece, one of five known, was purchased in 1967 at the Florida ANA convention by Andrew Beebe of Omaha, Neb.

For further information on exhibits write Cummings, 2615 Wollfin, Amarillo 79109.

Bob Medlar, bourse chairman, reports that plans include 70 dealers representing nearly every state. Table reservations should be sent to Medlar, 1114 Ave Q, Lubbock 79412.

A one-session auction will be conducted by Douglas Weaver of Waco and has been scheduled for Saturday - April 17, 7 p.m. The 400 lot auction, featuring U.S. coins, will be by mail and floor bids. For auction list write Weaver, 522 Golden Triangle, Waco 76701.

General Chairman Colvin urges all to make motel reservations early - write Coronado Inn, Box 2527, Amarillo 79105. For special convention information contact Colvin at 2615 Wollfin, Amarillo 79109.

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THE REPUBLIC OF TEXAS -

Signatures On Fourth And Fifth Issue Of Notes

By: THOS. C. BAIN
Dallas, Texas

There are probably more unanswered questions on the Fourth Issue of The Republic of Texas notes than any other issues. By an act of Congress on December 11, 1838, they authorized \$150,000 in \$1, \$2, and \$3 denominations only. These are known as the Fourth Issue. By an act of Congress, on January 19, 1839, they authorized the issue of \$5, \$10, \$20, \$50, \$100, and \$500 notes. These are known as the Fifth Issue.

Although in Criswell's book on Confederate and Southern States Currency it says the Fourth Issue has written dates from 1839-1841, the fact seems to be that the first known notes of the Fourth Issue are dated April 1, 1840.

The second unanswered question on the Fourth Issue is why "Clerk" and "Treas" were printed for hand-written signatures when only "Comp" and "Acting Comp" actually signed where "Clerk" is printed.

The third unanswered question is why the Fifth Issue of The Republic of Texas Notes that were authorized after the Fourth Issue were actually issued many months before the Fourth Issue. Many notes of the Fifth Issue carry a date of 1839.

In early 1840, Simmons was Comptroller and Brigham was Treasurer and they signed the first released notes of the Fourth Issue which were dated April 1, 1840. This is the only date known that Simmons

and Brigham signed the Fourth Issue of Notes. This signature combination is by far the rarest of signature combinations, on the Fourth Issue. The records of the late Louis Lenz of Houston, who was a Texana collector for over 50 years, shows that about 25 of the \$1 notes exist, about 12 of the \$2 notes exist and about 17 of the \$3 notes exist with the signature combination of Simmons and Brigham. His records also show that the highest serial number known of the \$1 note is 412, the \$2 note is 370 and the \$3 note is 436. This is close to being correct for Mr. Lenz sold the writer, many years ago, a \$2 note with a serial number of 380 and it carries the signatures of Shaw and Simmons. Since the first of the Fourth Issue of notes carries Simmons - Brigham signatures, and they signed these notes only one day (April 1, 1840) most of the known notes are only in fair to good condition. Those notes known above in good condition are REAL RARE.

The known signature combinations on the Fourth Issue of notes are:

Simmons-Comptroller — Brigham-Treasurer

Simmons-Comptroller — Barhydt-Acting Treasurer

Abell-Acting Comptroller — Raymond-Acting Treasurer

Shaw-Comptroller — Raymond-Acting Treasurer

Shaw-Comptroller — Simmons-Treasurer

Abell and Raymond seem to be the second rarest signatures with

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SILVER DOLLARS STIR CONFUSION

BY BRAD MILLS,
Dallas Morning News

One of the most confusing U.S. coins among average collectors is the silver dollar of the types minted from 1878 to 1935. Only two principal designs were offered over this long period, yet we have all degrees of rarity and condition among the many dates and mint marks that create a spread in prices from \$2 to perhaps \$4,000.

When an old hoard of silver dollars comes to light, the owner usually takes one of two courses in disposing of them. (1) He is very difficult to deal with because of his glorified opinion of their worth. (2) He knows nothing about the coins and sells the entire lot for a specified price. (3) He gives and takes on the various better dates and mint marks, and finally comes up with a total price both fair to him and the buyer. It is surprising to find that the average non-collector knows neither the location nor the significance of mint marks that may make a lot of difference in value.

A classic example of a price range hard to explain to a novice is that of the 1934-S silver dollar. This coin in choice mint condition sells for around \$225, while in average circulated condition it may be bought for \$10 or even less. The inexperienced owner looks at the top figure in a coin catalog and immediately concludes his worn specimen must be worth at least \$150.

The 1892-S dollar may bring up to \$1,500 in top condition, while it sells for around \$5 if badly worn. All of the "CC" mint silver dollars are something special, but they do not show the severe price drops from grade to grade that many of the others do.

For some reason nearly all of the Carson City mint dollars were circulated heavily in a region that liked the heavy pieces. These coins show many strong nicks and bruises, a fact that greatly reduces their value.

Silver dollars are so widely held in this country that the common dates do not bring much more in mint condition than in the circulated state, a distinct reversal from the case of the rare dates and mint marks. The badly worn ones are not considered desirable for collector purposes but the inexperienced owners usually don't know this.

Silver dollars and Indian Head cents are perhaps the most widely spread of all coins in this country, with the possible exception of the Lincoln cent. The dollars have grown into the select class only because silver bullion prices have given them an excess value above their face value. However, some are still being turned in at banks by owners who are not aware of their special worth.

Calls are received every week from heirs who want information on silver dollars found around the house or in a bank box. In most cases such coins are well worn and of the most common dates. It is always a safe bet that where a "CC" mint dollar or two are included, they will be those with greatest wear. Pride in ownership blinds many holders to the faults of their silver dollars. Wear on the high spots, marks, cuts and bruises may easily reduce the value of a rare dollar by as much as \$100. All of this is still very confusing to the proud owner who would not think of paying top price for a worn out automobile or a broken antique vase.

NEWS ROUNDUP - A.N.A.

By **NORMA MATHER**
Corpus Christi, Texas
A.N.A. Representative

"Numismatica - Hobby of All Ages" - This National Coin Week theme was tossed to you in this column last month with encouragement that you let your imagination and enthusiasm get going, aiming toward that 3rd



Norma Mather

week in April. You note that the February issue of the **ANA Club Bulletin** carefully spells out that "points themselves will be eliminated and each and every entry . . . judged carefully on its merits . . . Emphasis must be on National Coin Week . . . the theme **NUMISMATICS - HOBBY OF ALL AGES** . . . report . . . what you or your club has done during National Coin Week and should not be a summary of your year's activities."

Excellent hints are offered in the write-up by Maurice Gould. As this reaches you there is still time to follow these and your own ingenuity to a top spot in the NCW competition April 18-24. Whether you choose to compete or not DO make an effort to observe the occasion in your club and community. This, as you know, is the special period designated by ANA in which we make a special emphasis on publicizing our hobby in any and every way we can to encourage others to enter and enjoy it as we do.

The 79th ANA convention in St. Louis last August was great! Now we are being informed of the 80th convention to be held in our nation's capital. Those of us who were fortunate enough to go to St. Louis had the

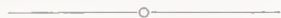
opportunity to meet some of the persons we are now reading about, to observe their industry and enthusiasm and to hear first-hand some of their plans. The 80th promises to be a most exciting and informative convention. Of course there are all the usual attractions of the Washington, D.C. area and tours to many of them are planned. We were told that it is hoped that the very special bonus will be a privileged tour of the engraving department of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing where we can see the working plates for our paper money actually being made. Any who have visited the bureau know that this is "off the beaten path." Isn't this something? - another incentive to go ahead with your plans to take that vacation in August to make the trip to Washington you have been talking about? There's still time. See you there?



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APRIL 16-18

TEXAS NUMISMATIC ASSN. 13th convention, Convention Center, Amarillo. Gen. Chmn.: Lloyd Colvin, 2615 Wolflin, Amarillo 79109.



APRIL 17

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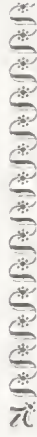
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DISTRICT ONE:

The Fort Worth Coin Club held an election of officers and they are: Everett Hull, president, J. N. Medley, vice president, Nettie Fincher, secretary, and Joe Neal, treasurer.

The club voted to present the Fort Worth Public Library with \$100 worth of books.

George Summers was named as general chairman for the 10th annual coin show, October 9-10 at Green Oaks Inn. To assist in show arrangements will be Lee Medley, Box 7167, Fort Worth, as bourse chairman; and Francis Osmer, assistant bourse chairman. Publicity chairman will be Howard Luke with Betty Weid assisting.

Other appointments include Mrs. Howard Luke, TNA representative; N. Q. Fretwell, ANA representative, and Evelyn Medley, hospitality chair-

man, assisted by Inell Summers.

The club members nominated Col. R. W. Darrah as TNA governor for District 1—Frances Luke, TNA Rep.



DISTRICT TWO:

Forty eight members of the Odessa Coin Club met for its first regular meeting of the new year at the YMCA building.

The following new officers were elected to serve for 1971: August Ganze, president, Dennis Parker, first vice president; T. R. Chambers, second vice president, Rev. Raul Solis, treasurer, Mrs. August Ganze, secretary, Ashley Lawson, program chairman and Don Brubaker, publicity chairman.

The program was conducted by Lawson and final preparations for a one-day show held on February 7 were discussed. —H. R. Peppard, Gov. Dist. 2.

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DISTRICT THREE:

At the regular meeting of San Angelo Coin Club, several appointments were made and include William Surber, 1971 coin show chairman; David Westbrook, local reporter, and Louise Bilderback, club historian.



Fred Clark
Governor

Surber, program speaker, gave a talk on what a coin club can mean to a person. He stated that had money will drive away good money, and that was what happened in 1965. Even the wheat cent has disappeared, he said. It is now an impossible task to even start a set. He said that coin collectors forgot in 1964 that collecting costs. As to the historical side of coin collecting, it could be very interesting if one does some research. He reminisced about the club's activities in the early 1960's, the fellowship that was enjoyed and the com-

petitive spirit among the members.

Surber then suggested that the club take steps to bring coins back into circulation, and his suggestion was that each member who has many duplicate coins dating back from 1940 bring them to the meeting, put them in a jar and let beginning collectors buy them for face value.

DISTRICT FOUR:

Members of the Heart of Texas Coin & Stamp Club of Waco were treated to a very interesting program by Tony Duty at the February meeting. Duty spoke on the subject of Ancient coins. —Gale Moen, Sec.



Ray Kirkpatrick
Governor

Highland Lakes Coin Club is the name selected for a newly organized club in Kingsland. The new club will also serve members from Llano, Marble Falls, Tower, Burnett and Fredericksburg. Meeting place will be at Kingsland State Bank on the first Tuesday of the month.

Wayne Childress was elected president, F. L. Bondreux, vice president, La Bue Zachary, secretary-treasurer, and Charles Gates, curator. The club has nine charter members and has applied for membership in TNA. Lyman Bartee, TNA 2nd VP.



JUNIOR WINNER — Selected as junior "Numismatist of the Year" by San Angelo Coin Club was Howard Coleman, Jr. The trophy was awarded by Fred Clark, governor, District 3, TNA.

A donation auction in January was conducted by members of Austin Coin Club which netted the March of Dimes \$100.19. Auction material was donated by members.

The annual Christmas dinner was held at North's Cluck Wagon at which time new officers were elected. —Lyman Bartee, TNA 2nd VP.

DISTRICT FIVE:

The Dallas East Coin Club met in January at Harry Stone Recreation building for the first meeting in 1971. Twenty four members and guests were present.

Arad Streetman was elected to serve as club president, since George P. McDonald who was installed as president, is seriously ill.

October 30-31 are the dates selected for the annual coin show to be held at Lockwood Hall in Lockwood Village.

Plaques were presented to outgoing officers: Bob Hewgley, president; John Pace, vice president; and



Chas. Wingo
Governor

Paul Roehr Jr., secretary-treasurer, in appreciation for work well done in 1970. —Inez Scott, Sec.



Robert L. Hewgley, past president of Dallas East Coin Club, addressed members and guests of Texomaland Coin & Stamp Club at a recent meeting.

He described the methods used to hand produce the first coins by the Greek states around 700 B.C., and how the art had been developed until today coins are mechanically struck by the hundreds in a few minutes time.

President Charles Wingo presented TNA achievement award certificates to M. J. Reesby, secretary, and to J. K. Megginson, treasurer. All three officers continue in office along with the new vice president, Lowell Thompson.

At a later meeting, Wilson Walters,



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executive secretary of Retail Coin Dealers Assn., was awarded an honorary membership in the Texomaland club. In presenting the membership, Charles Wingo, club president, stated that it was being given in recognition of Walters' position as operating head of the world's largest coin dealers organization and because of his valuable support of coin clubs and collectors in the area. He was a charter member of the Denison club and was instrumental in organizing the Sherman club where he had been made an honorary member. The two clubs have since joined to form the current Texomaland club.

Until further notice, all meetings will be held at the Denison Chamber of Commerce on the first and third Fridays of each month. To stimulate attendance, an annual award will be given to the member having the best attendance record of the year.

Charles A. Wingo, TNA Rep.



The Mesquite-Garland Coin Club celebrated the closing of the 1970 record book with a Christmas dinner. In the absence of John Pace, president, who had been called into the military service, Bob Hewgley, vice president, presided. His father, Bob Hewgley, Sr., gave the invocation.

Wm. P. Philpott, 50-year member of ANA, was the speaker for the evening. Tom Bain introduced Philpott, telling how rewarding his long-time association with "Mr. Phil" had been. "Mr. Phil" has generously shared his numismatic knowledge and treasures while his sincere enthusiasm touches even the non-collector with the magic of the hobby. His topic for the occasion was "So You Collect Monstache Cups, Eh?"

Frances O. Landon, historian, gave a brief sketch of the club's 1970 ac-



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complishments. This led to a discussion on the club's collection of Republic of Texas currency.

H. F. McKissack of Athens conducted the installation of 1971 officers. Each of the following received a personal challenge and individual guidance for the year to come. Ray Holt, president; George Johnson, vice president; Joe Vemmer, treasurer; Mrs. Landon, secretary; Tom Bain, TNA representative; and Homer Brooks, ANA representative.

The club met for its first meeting of 1971 in the Lions International Club building in Garland. President Ray Holt appointed several committees and outlined their responsibilities. Committees and members, it was decided, should work through an active Board of Directors. Directors are Jim McKinney, Vernon Bash, Louise Sheets and Henry Hall. John Mullendore was appointed house chairman, assisted by C. L. Hawley, Ray Holt and Bob Hewgley. Hewgley was nominated by the club for governor of District A. Bob joined Mesquite Coin Club, mother club of Mesquite-Garland Coin Club, as a small boy.

A National Coin Week committee was appointed also and includes Ed Slade, George Johnson and Frances O. Landon. — Frances O. Landon, Reporter.



DISTRICT SIX:

New officers of Beaumont Coin Club were elected at a recent meeting and are: Jerry A. Williams, president; Sidney A. King, vice president; Mrs. Bernice Coza, and Mrs. Julie Thedford, editors of the 1971 club bulletin.



T. G. Brown
Governor

The session featured a numismatic talk on Biblical coins by F. J. McMillan. An exhibit of the coins was presented.

A silver past-president's medal was presented to C. L. Babeuck, who has ended three years service as president of the club. R. K. Beck made the presentation.



The first meeting of Northline Coin Club of Houston under new officers was held at Northline Shopping City auditorium with 19 present. W. L. McHonell outlined a program designed to increase attendance and to enlarge the membership. Billy Ray Duncan, vice president, announced that there would be a TNA slide set at the February meeting. Richard Monell reported on the progress of sales of the club medal. — Chris Johns, TNA Club Rep.



Galveston County Coin Club of Texas City met in January at Nessler Civic Center.

A club auction was held with Carl Nessler acting as auctioneer. Coins bringing the best prices were Buffalo nickels and foreign crowns. Special awards were presented to A. A. Graf, Carl Nessler, Jr. and Mrs. Hugo Threlkheld.

The club voted to pay their ANA and TNA dues for 1971. — Ruby Threlkheld, Reporter.



La Marque Coin Club got off to a good start in January with most of the members paying 1971 dues. Reports were given on the 1970 activities. Included were the sale of wooden nickels which brought orders from more than 100 collectors. Funds were added to the club treasury from club auctions, white elephant auctions, a bourse table at the county market and dues. A membership guest contest was sponsored by president, S. B. Johnson, with the winners being Ruby

Threlkheld and A. A. Graf.

Members enjoyed a picnic at Galveston County Park, two games nights, three covered dish suppers and a Christmas party. Members gave programs on U.S. and foreign coins, wooden money, medals of Texas, topical collections and other hobbies.

At the January 21 meeting Mrs. Ben Mitchell gave the program. She owns and operates a trophy business. Everyone in numismatics knows how important a trophy or plaque is to the coin collector. Each has hopes of winning one with their exhibits. Mrs. Mitchell and her son engrave and assemble trophies for the local coin clubs and other organizations.

At the close of the meeting, Ruby Threlkheld was presented an engraved trophy from the Johnson and Mitchell families - reading - "Ruby Threlkheld - In Appreciation of 7 Years Service as Secretary-Treasurer For La Marque Coin Club." Mrs. Threlkheld is again serving in the same office for 1971. - Ruby Threlkheld, Sec.



DISTRICT EIGHT:

Plans for the joint Spring coin show hosted by Liberty Coin Club and Corpus Christi Coin Club were furthered at the January meeting of Liberty club. Clarence Davis is general chairman. The show will be held at Exposition Hall March 20-21.



John L. Chisum
Governor

Club programs in January included "Latin Legends and Mottos on Coins" by junior member, Richard Ricketts; and a panel discussion of numismatic subjects by John Peterson, W. B. Park, John Ricketts and Clarence

Davis.

February programs were to include a talk by Virgil Hancock of Bellair on Chinese coins. Helen Floerke and Ray Von Rosenberg were to present a program on exhibiting.



At the January 11 meeting of Corpus Christi Coin Club at Gateway National Bank, president C. H. Roberts was welcomed back after an extended illness, by 22 members and 3 guests. He gave a resume of what various dealers and others in the hobby have to say about numismatics in 1971.

Tony Wimen lead a coin quiz as the program at the January 25 meeting. One new member and six guests were welcomed. -Norma Mather, Sec.



Members of Kingsville Coin Club have planned a coin show for April 17 in the ballroom of the Student Union building on the campus of Texas A & I University.

Information and reservations for tables may be arranged through Dick Aaron, 335 S. 21th St., Kingsville 78363. - Dick Aaron, Reporter.



A trading session of coins was planned by members of World Coin Club of Corpus Christi at a recent meeting.

The club meets at Corpus Christi Museum.



The 1971 officers of Harlingen Coin Club were installed in January and include: H. W. Prescott, president; Earl Dahley, vice president; Oneta Grisham, secretary; George A. McCall, treasurer, and Carl O. Steger, sergeant-at-arms.

All winter visitors in the Harlingen area are invited to attend the meetings, which are held the first and third Mondays at First National Bank building. Clark Dixon, Public Rela-

lations.



The San Benito Coin Club made final plans for a coin show to be held in the Community Building on March 7.

Bourse chairman was Clark Dixon. — Clark Dixon, Sec.



DISTRICT NINE:

Election of officers took place recently at a meeting of Levelland Coin & Stamp Club held at the Chamber of Commerce with 16 present.

James Hogue will serve as president; David R. Stanley, vice president; D. O. Joplin, secretary; E. L. Pitzer, treasurer.

The club voted to present a 1970 mint set to Joplin as a past president's award. — D. O. Joplin, Gov. Dist. 9.



Thirty two attended a recent meeting of South Plains Coin Club of Lubbock held at the Garden & Arts Center. George Traylor was presented an ANA past president's medal.

Bob Medlar gave a program on the Taos, N. Mex. convention medal. — D. O. Joplin, Gov. Dist. 9.



A discussion on nominations for officers of ANA and TNA was held at the January meeting of Lamb County Coin Club in Littlefield. Forty two members met at the Reddy Room.

The meeting marked the largest attendance in club history. — D. O. Joplin, Gov. Dist. 9.



DISTRICT ELEVEN:

Thirty members and guests attended the January meeting of Amarillo Coin Club when a discussion of plans

for the TNA convention took place. The group met at Southwestern Public Service building. — Donna Davis, TNA Rep.



DISTRICT TWELVE:

During the December meeting, the Lufkin Coin Club elected new officers for 1971. Richard Cravy was elected president, Bendy Sims, vice president, Juanita Cravy, secretary, Wayne Carter, treasurer, and Alvin O'Quinn, publicity chairman.

For the January meeting there were 46 persons present. An auction was held.

The Lufkin club was formed in 1961 and has met each month since then. The meetings are held the third Tuesday of each month at the Savings and Loan building. — Wayne Carter, Reporter.



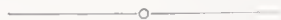
DISTRICT THIRTEEN:

Ross Foley, program chairman for Wichita Falls Coin & Stamp Club, announced that programs would alternate with coins one month and stamps the next. Auctions will be held quarterly.

At the first meeting of the new year, members enjoyed a slide presentation on the 1970 International Phillympia given by M. L. Goolsby. Fifty seven attended the meeting. — Mrs. G. M. Howard, Publicity Chairman.



Wm. Rust
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THE MYSTERY OF JOHN THE BLIND

By Donald Rose,
Intercoin

In 1946 the tiny country of Luxembourg, a lowlands country surrounded by France, Belgium, and Germany, issued a series of commemorative coins in honor of John the Blind. The series consists of three silver coins in denominations of 20, 50 and 100 francs, minted in quantities of 100,000 each.

The mystery that arises involves the questions: who was John the Blind, what did he accomplish to earn such an honor, and how did he meet his death back in the year 1346?

To answer the questions and solve the mystery, legend as well as history must be consulted. John the Blind, born in the year 1296, became the first of four counts of Luxembourg to rule as King of Bohemia now Czechoslovakia, in 1309. He was a very careless ruler, but he distinguished himself with his valiant soldiering by winning numerous battles. His personal crest bore the legend, "Ich Dien (I serve) under three ostrich plumes.

Tradition tells us that in 1340, at the age of 44, John was totally blinded in battle. Other less romantic view points indicate that he contracted during his campaigns in Lithuania a disease which led finally to complete blindness. Despite this handicap, he continued his active part in soldiering and campaigning until his heroic death in 1346.

In that year, he marched his army to help the French against the English. A great battle took place at a small village called Crécy-en-Ponthieu. The English, led by Edward the Black Prince (King Edward III) won a tremendous victory over overwhelming odds in one of the first

battles in which they used cannon. Prince John, being told that the English victory was practically certain, asked his men to link their horses together with his for one final charge. The entire troop plunged into battle and all but two were slaughtered by the English infantry.

Tradition says that John the Blind sought his death in this battle, probably due to his blindness. For his great valor, he remains to this day one of Luxembourg's greatest heroes. Legend says the Black Prince, in admiration of John's heroic action, adopted the ostrich plume crest and the motto "Ich Dien." Since that time this emblem has been used by the Prince of Wales.

The three coins in the series are identical except in size and denomination. They bear the portrait of the present Prince John, facing left, on the obverse with the inscription, "Prenz Jean Vu Letzeburg" (Prince John of Luxembourg). The obverse also shows the crest of the House of Bourbon for Prince John on the left, and the Crest of John, King of Bohemia, on the right, divided by the denomination.

The reverse portrays John the Blind riding his fighting steed into battle, brandishing his sword and shield, with the inscription, "Jaeg De Blannen" (John the Blind). The dates 26-VIII-1346 (August 26, 1346) for his death and 1916, the date of issue, appear at the bottom center on the reverse.

The John the Blind commemorative series stands as a beautiful tribute to one of Luxembourg's great national heroes, and our mystery is solved.

John himself issued numerous coins for Bohemia and Luxembourg and for his Italian campaign.

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the other three combinations about equal in my study. All signatures on the Fourth Issue are original.

The Fifth Issue of the Republic of Texas notes were printed for the signatures of the Secretary Treasurer and the President. Lamar's name appears on all notes as President and they were signed by William G. Cook. He was the same person that signed Sam Houston's and Lamar's name to the Government of Texas Notes. Dr. James H. Starr was elected the Secretary Treasurer and his name appears on most of the notes. James Webb signed many notes as Acting Secretary Treasurer in the early stages of the issue of these notes and that is the reason it is so hard to secure a real nice note with this signature combination.

The only signature combinations on the Fifth Issue of notes are:

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Quite a few of the Fifth Issue of notes were stolen in transporting them from New Orleans to Austin and apparently an expert forged the signatures of Starr and Lamar for it is almost impossible to detect them. Several were marked "counterfeit" when they were turned in due to the above, but a few experts on "handwriting" in recent years that have examined some of these notes doubt if they were forged signatures in all cases. They claim there will be some variations by anyone signing their name so many times.

There is still a great deal to learn concerning Texana items so if anyone has any notes that does not agree with this article I would like to hear from you.

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